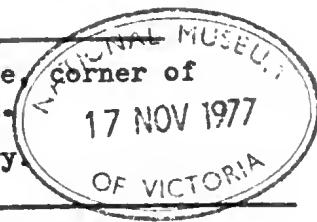


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Meetings are held at the Tasmanian Environment Centre, corner of Bathurst and Criterion Streets, at 7.45p.m.

President: Mr. G. Van Munster, Hon. Sec. Mr. J. Berry.

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AGENDA

November 17th (Thursday). Speaker: Dr. R. Bedding the C.S.I.R.O. entomologist will talk to us about Sirex (a type of wasp), its biological control with insect and nematode parasites and the use of nematodes in controlling other insects.

November 19th (Saturday). Outing to Southport Lagoon, meet at the Prince Theatre at 8.30a.m. N.B. 8.30a.m. Mr. Peter Fielding will lead the outing which will include a 20km walk (return distance) from the Ida Bay area to Southport Lagoon. The main things to see on this outing will be wild flowers and birds. See page 4 of this bulletin for a map of the Southport Lagoon area.

December 15th (Thursday). Speaker: Mr. Chris Palzer, a forest pathologist from the forestry Commission, will talk about forest diseases in Tasmania.

December 17th (Saturday). Dr. P. Murray will lead an outing to the Carlton area (near Dunnalley) to have a look at some Aboriginal kitchen-middens. Those interested in going on this outing should meet at the Prince Theatre at 9.00a.m.

January 19th (Thursday). Meeting: three recently produced 16mm colour films will be shown at this meeting:

"Australian Lizards".....15 minutes ;
"Australian Snakes".....15 minutes; and
"On the track of unknown animals"....55 minutes...is a film about the Thylacine (marsupial "tiger") and a reported sighting of it in Victoria.

January 21st (Saturday). Outing yet to be arranged.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next T.F.N.C. Committee meeting will be held at Mrs. Wall's home at 8p.m. on Monday 21st November (63 Elphinstone Read, Mount Stuart).

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 1978

Due to the high cost of publishing The Tasmanian Naturalist and the increase in the cost of living over the last couple of years the T.F.N.C. Committee has decided to increase the 1978 membership subscription rates to \$3.00 for students and pensioners, \$6.00 for adults and \$8.00 for families. The 1978 subscription rate for the Tasmanian Naturalist will be \$3.00

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SERVENTY, D.L. "Fisher Island, Tasmania: seabird islands no.49"
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TYSON, R.M. "Birth of an elephant seal on Tasmania's East Coast"
Victorian Naturalist v. 94, no.5, pp.212-213 (1977)

TASMANIAN NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE "TASPAWS: Preliminary instructions for completing TASPAWS biological record sheets." Available from the Tasmanian National Parks and Wildlife Service, Magnet Court.

The TASPAWS Record Scheme is designed to record observations of both animals and plants by using codes for species names. For animals, only non-avian vertebrates will be recorded, as the RACU Bird Atlas Scheme already covers Tasmania's birds.

TASPAWS continued

Vascular plant species which are endemic, primitive or of geographic importance will also be recorded. Up to six species may be recorded on each sheet which allows for the recording of detailed information of location, habitat, identification of species and information on status. The information is entered on the sheets in a coded form in 80 separate fields so that it may be put on punch cards and fed into a computer.

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION

"The Atlas of Australian Birds" Habitat v.5, no.2, August 1977, pp 25-27.

This article explains about the R.A.O.U. Atlas scheme and includes maps which show the progress made so far.

TASMANIAN NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

"Management plan for the Mount Montgomery State Reserve" draft copy, 1977.

Mt. Montgomery State Reserve is situated at the northern end of the Dial Range, midway between Burnie and Devonport. The Dial Range is the largest remnant of both dry and wet sclerophyll forest on the central north coast, the majority being State Forest. Mt. Montgomery, at 471 metres, is the highest point in the Reserve, and offers magnificent views of most of the central north.

The major overstorey species are Eucalyptus obliqua and Eucalyptus amygdalina. Other species of note are Acacia dealbata and Acacia melanoxylon.

TASMANIAN NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

"Management plan for the Lyell Highway State Reserve" draft copy, 1977.

The Lyell Highway State Reserve is a strip of land one mile (approx. 1.6 km) wide centred on the centre line of the highway between the Little Navarre River and a point 30 chains (600 m) east of Victoria Pass Saddle. The total area included is approximately 7,300 ha.

UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS?

On the 31st. October while on the bank of Penstock Lagoon I observed an albino pipit. Its head was pure white with a pinkish coloured bill and black eyes. Its back and wings were streaked brown and the outer tail feathers were white. The breast and flanks were off white with only light streaking on the breast and its legs were straw coloured. This rather attractive little bird had the habit of bobbing its tail up and while perching on top of small bushes.

On 7th. November, while bird watching at Renwood's Lagoon (between Copping and Dunalley), I noticed a black cormorant swallowing a large black snake. The snake was so large that it took the cormorant about 2 minutes to force it down.

SOUTHPORT LAGOON OUTING, SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

